IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: : **Group Art Unit:** 1634
Frank Diehl, et al. :
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Serial No.: : **Examiner:** Betty J. Forman
10/082,395 :
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Filed: February 25, 2002 : **Docket No.:** 22012.PUS
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For: PROCESS FOR BINDING NUCLEIC :
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To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks:

Sir:

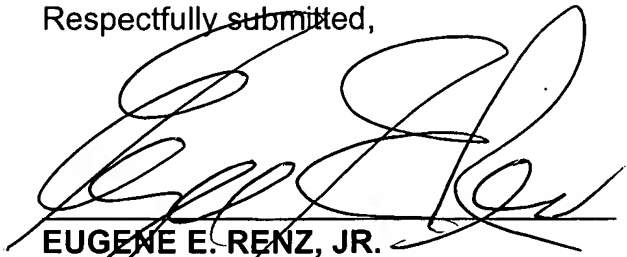## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR FILING APPELLANT'S BRIEF

It is respectfully requested that the time now set for filing Appellant's Brief, **JULY 12,**

2004, be extended *two months* so that it will be due **SEPTEMBER 12, 2004**. This request

is not made for purposes of delay.

A draft of the **BRIEF FOR APPELLANT** has been forwarded to Appellant for review

and comment. Appellant is out of the country on business and is expected to return before

the month's end.

Appellant therefore makes this request for an extension of time to file its brief. If the

two month extension is nonetheless denied, Appellant respectfully requests that the time

to file its brief at least be reset for a brief period to afford time to prepare and file its brief.

The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fee in connection with the filing of this Request for Extension and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.: 18-0990.

Respectfully submitted,

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